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Minutes of the September 27, 2010 VSMAI meeting in Essex, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Fazzino at 19:45 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – September 27, 2010

1. Charles Greeney – Chester	2. James Budney – Deep River
3. Tim Lee – Deep River	4. Todd Hajek – Killingworth
5. Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	6. Gregg Prevost – Westbrook
7. Bob Voss - Clinton	8. J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook
9. Doug Harreys – Essex	10. Paul Phoenix – Essex
11. Jim Mack – Essex	12. Steven Olsen – Essex
13. Strick Hyde – Essex	14. Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
15. Paul Fazzino – Essex	15. Steve Biasi – No. Madison

Special Presentations:

Valley Shore Mutual Aid Inc welcomed Brian Toolan and John Ricci from the CT USAR Team to the meeting. Mr. Toolan and Mr. Ricci provided a presentation explaining the purpose of the team, its capabilities and available resources to local fire departments. The highlights of their presentation and key areas/topics is as follows:

- The USAR team is currently eight (8) years old and was established shortly after the 9/11 attacks. The team currently has approximately 120 members.
- Mr. Toolan and Mr. Ricci explained some the team's procedures and explained the team is no longer on the control of the CT State Police.
- The team initially was specialized in structural collapse but has diversified into other areas including water rescues and has recently completed missing person training. The team currently has 24 GPS units and 45 members certified in missing person operations.
- The team members are quite spread out and have members from Greenwich to Groton.
- In order to request the USAR team, fire departments should call the CT State Police message center which will then contact the USAR team and activate the team. The team will respond to the incident but will not take over control of the incident. They are to assist and not take over the incident.
- The USAR team now has a law enforcement component and is the first team in the country to have such a component. The team is comprised of seven components including a medical component which consists of all paramedics and three surgeons.

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- The team currently had four (4) search and rescue canines and is expecting two (2) more upon completion of their training and testing.
- The team also has shelter capabilities with heaters which is available for long term incidents.
- The team is equipped with STOCK boxes and five (5) STOCK channels along with three (3) of its own frequencies. The team is equipped with 48 portable radios.
- The team currently has approximately \$7 million in equipment.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Hajek/Jenkins) to accept the August 23, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$8,034.89, with \$0.00 of income. Ending balance is \$8,034.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Prevost/Budney). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE		
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Committee report(s):
Statewide Disaster:

No report – the next meeting will be this Thursday.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

A motion was made by Todd Hajek to pass the Tender Strike Team SOP document. The motion was second by JT Dunn and passed unanimously.

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

No Report

Old Business:

NONE



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New Business:

NONE

Interest to the Organization:

NONE

MMS to adjourn at 21:00 hours (Dunn/Hajek).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2010 in Guilford at 7:30 PM.

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